

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 81, line 5 from the bottom, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To 1200 parts of water, 540 parts of carbon black (Printex 35, Degussa AG) [DBP oil absorption amount=42ml/100mg, pH=9.5] and 1200 parts of polyester resin were added and mixed in a ~~Henschel mixer~~ HENSCHHEL MIXER (Mitsui Mining), then the mixture was kneaded at 150°C for 1 hour using two rollers, extrusion cooled and crushed with a pulverizer to obtain “masterbatch 1.”

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 83, line 5 from the bottom, with the following rewritten paragraph:

“Filter cake 1” was dried in a circulating air dryer at 45°C for 48 hours, and sieved through a sieve of 75µm mesh to obtain “toner base particles 1.” Then, 100 parts of the “toner base particles 1” and 1 part of hydrophobic silica were mixed in a ~~Henschel mixer~~ HENSCHHEL MIXER to obtain “toner 1.” The properties of “toner 1” are shown in Table 1, and evaluation results thereof are shown in Table 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 94, line 7 from the bottom, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After that, 3g of anionic surfactant (available from Dai-ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.: Neogen SC) were added to the mixture and then the stainless flask was sealed. While using a magnetic seal, the mixture was stirred, heated to 105°C, and kept for 3 hours. Thereafter, it was cooled and then reaction products were filtered, well washed with ion-exchanged water, and dried to obtain a toner base. Then, 100 parts of the toner base particles, 1 part of hydrophobic silica and 1 part of hydrophobicized titanium oxide were mixed using a

~~Henschel mixer~~ HENSCHEL MIXER to provide a toner. The properties of the toner are shown in Table 1, and evaluation results thereof are shown in Table 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 96, line 9 from the bottom, with the following rewritten paragraph:

First, a ~~Henschel mixer~~ HENSCHEL MIXER (Mitsui Mining, FM10B) is used for preliminary mixing, and then the mixture was kneaded with a double axis kneader (Ikegai Ltd., PCM-30). Then, a supersonic jet pulverizer Labo Jet (Nippon Pneumatic Mfg. Co., Ltd.) is used to pulverize and thereafter an air flow classifier (Nippon Pneumatic, MDS-I) is used to classify and obtain toner base particles. Then, 100 parts of the toner base particles, 1 part of hydrophobic silica and 1 part of hydrophobicized titanium oxide were mixed using a ~~Henschel mixer~~ HENSCHEL MIXER to provide a toner. The properties of the toner are shown in Table 1, and evaluation results thereof are shown in Table 2.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 98, line 3 from the bottom, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Then, 100 parts of the toner base particles, 1 part of hydrophobic silica and 1 part of hydrophobicized titanium oxide were mixed using a ~~Henschel mixer~~ HENSCHEL MIXER to provide a toner. The toner binder component had a weight average molecular weight of 14,000, number average molecular weight of 2,000, and glass transition point (T_g) of 52°C. The properties of the toner are shown in Table 1, and evaluation results thereof are shown in Table 2.